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BUSINESS & LABOR

EXHIBIT NO. 2
DATE 1-12-11
BILL NO. SB16

Business and labor committee
Joe Balyeat- Chairman

RE: SB 16

MY letter is in opposition to SB 16 for the following reasons. First, let me say I have been associated with horse racing since about 5 years old.. I have been an owner for 40 years, a fair board chairman, breeder, etc.

My main opposition comes from being the chairman of a sub committee in the 1997 session on Professional and Occupational licensing boards. A common thread thru ALL boards indicated that their main function was "licensing". Secondly, to support and promote that industry. NONE indicate any power to ENTER INTO CONTRACTS.. Not Realtors, Nurses, barbers, or others.

This only opens a can of worms as to what can be controlled and what can't. Can the local entity hire help, handle construction, etc.

Presently and in the past, the Board of Horse racing handles licensing, sets race dates, engages in the workings of a race meet, as they should, but IN NO WAY CONTROL THE CONTRACT PROCESS OF WORKING CONTRACTS, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, AND ANY LOCAL CONTRACTS; ANY MORE THAN THE BOARD OF REALTY, NURSES, OR CRANE OPERATORS CONTROL BUSINESS CONTRACTS.. Contract negotiations belong with the entity and NOT THE STATE.

PLEASE REJECT THIS BILL---- HORSE RACING IS ABOUT DEAD IN MONTANA, LET'S NOT KILL IT COMPLETELY...

Sincerely

Cliff trexler